

LEVEL OF CARE - EARLY ONSET FOLLOW UP

During the May 25th behavioral health web-meeting with MCOs, you were informed about a new level of care for Mental Health Targeted Case Management and Mental Health Rehabilitative Services called “Level of Care – Early Onset (LOC-EO). Information on the LOC-EO is currently available in the Children’s Mental Health Utilization Management (UM) Guidelines and will be included in the Adult Mental Health UM guidelines very soon. This level of care is for Coordinated Specialty Care Programs (CSC) that were created to specifically assist individuals experiencing their first episode of psychosis. The CSC model is team-based and provides a comprehensive selection of treatment and support services to keep individuals on the path to recovery. LOC-EO was created to describe the eligibility guidelines and services offered within each CSC program.

LOC-EO will be administered only by Local Mental Health Authorities and providers of Local Behavioral Health Authorities. Services within the level of care should be delivered consistent with all MCO requirements governing the provision of Mental Health Targeted Case Management and Mental Health Rehabilitative Services. This level of care is not a new Medicaid benefit, but rather a new level of care within the UM guidelines currently governing the provision of Mental Health Targeted Case Management and Mental Health Rehabilitative Services. The locations authorized to use this level of care are:

- Austin Travis County Integral Care
- Burke Center
- Center for Health Care Services
- Tropical Texas
- Bluebonnet Trails
- Panhandle
- Emergence Health Network
- Tarrant County
- The Harris Center
- Metrocare

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